

LOCAL AND DISTRICT
EVENTS, 1899.

JANUARY.

- 1st.—The steamer *Glenavon* left Hongkong on Thursday evening, December 29th for London and struck a rock the same evening in the vicinity of Lintin Island.—Chief Officer Dixon, Second Steward Wilson, Quartermaster Smith, and two Chinese drowned.
- 2nd.—The annual sports took place at Quarry Bay.—Mr. W. Armstrong carried off the championship cup presented by Mr. J. H. Scott.
- 3rd.—Lord Charles Berosford addressed members of the Chamber of Commerce and others at the City Hall. He advocated an alliance between Great Britain, America, Germany, and Japan for the maintenance of the open door, adding that the first thing for the alliance to do would be to induce the Chinese Government to re-organise their army. In the evening Lord Charles was present at a banquet given by the Navy League in his honour.
- 4th.—Lord Charles Berosford entertained to dinner the Hongkong branch of the China Association.
- 5th.—At a meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board a report was presented disproving the reported outbreak of plague at Canton.—Lord Charles Berosford left Hongkong for home via America.—First performance of the pantomime "The Yellow Dwarf" by the Hongkong A. D. C.—Amoy Races, first day.
- 6th.—Amoy Races, second day.
- 7th.—Prince and Princess Henry witness pantomime at Theatre Royal.—International football match.—Scotland scored three goals against one by the World—Amoy Races, third day.
- 8th.—Lord Charles Berosford entertained to a farrowed banquet at Shanghai.—An attempt was made to murder Mr. J. E. Remison, foreign manager of the Paowu mine at Niangsony, near Ningpo.
- 10th.—The New Committee of the Tang Wah Hospital introduced to Sir Henry Blake.
- 12th.—Enquiry into wreck of *Glenavon* commenced.—Prince and Princess Henry attended a ball on board H.M.S. *Centurion*.—Lecture on the Philippines delivered by the Hon. John Barrett at Shanghai.
- 13th.—Enquiry into wreck of *Glenavon* closed. Captain Pitblow's certificate suspended for twelve months.—Royal Welsh Fusiliers arrive in Hongkong.—The *Grafton* with the dredger *St. Enoch* for Weihaiwei arrived in Hongkong, having encountered very severe weather from Singapore, the voyage occupying fifteen days.—Naval enquiry held at Nagasaki as to the collision between the P. and O. steamer *Brindisi* and the Japanese steamer *Yuyegamama Maru*; the latter vessel was held responsible for the collision, the court commanding the officers and crew of the *Brindisi* for their conduct on the occasion of the collision.
- 14th.—The *Albatross* captured off Tacoma.—Captain Starling and seventeen men drowned.
- 15th.—The *City of Peking* collided with a Japanese man-of-war in the Kai Channel. Captain Smith subsequently presented with an address by the passengers in recognition of the splendid manner he and his officers acted during the trying time.
- 16th.—The *Immortalis* left Hongkong flying the homeward bound pennant.—A fire took place at Shanghai in which the Hotel Metropole and adjoining premises were involved; Mr. Jackson of the H. and S. Bank, one of the firmen, was injured.
- 17th.—The *Avoca* left for home with the King's Own.
- 18th.—Launch of the river gun-boat the *Sandpiper*.—Great fire at Shanghai; 59 Chinese houses destroyed at the junction of Woon-chang and Boon-chang roads; Damages, £13,000.—Masani Ball at Shanghai.
- 19th.—Mr. Burgoyne, of Shanghai, charged with obtaining from the Russo-Chinese Bank the sum of £15,000 on false pretences, committed for trial.
- 20th.—The murderers of Mr. Fleming executed.
- 22nd.—Meeting of Chinese Chamber of Commerce at which a resolution approving of the open-door policy enunciated by Lord Charles Berosford and the reorganisation of the Chinese Army was passed.
- 23th.—Father Fleming, who had been held in captivity by brigands, arrived at Chungking.—Opening of the season in connection with the Odd Volumes Society, Mr. E. Robinson delivering a lecture on "English spelling reform."—Collision at Pootung between the Shell Line steamer *Concorde* and the Indo-China steamer *Beang*.
- 25th.—Ball given by German community of Hongkong to T.R.H. Prince and Princess Henry; 700 persons present.
- 26th.—Lord Charles Berosford left Yokohama for San Francisco.
- 27th.—German service held in the Cathedral in honour of Emperor William's birthday.—Disastrous fire at Shanghai, 60 or 70 houses being destroyed.—Fire on board the *Yamaguchi Maru* at Onohama.
- 30th.—Annual meeting of subscribers and seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral.
- 31st.—J. W. Burgoyne, of Shanghai, found guilty of obtaining money by false pretences; sentence deferred.—Suicide of Mr. O. Neil, secretary of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce.—The remains of Rev. Father Victorin, who was killed after five days' torture at Chik-keo-shan, exhibited at Ichang.

FEBRUARY.

- 1st.—The Hon. John Barrett delivered a lecture in the City Hall on "The situation in the Far East as affected by the results of the recent war."—Accident at the pantomime performance at the Theatre; a beam fell on to the stage and smashed the flooring and injured Mr. C. Krimshire, who was taking the part of the Knave of Hearts.
- 3rd.—H.E. Sir Blake presented the prizes at Queen's College.
- 8th.—J.W.H. Burgoyne, of Shanghai, sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences.—The long expected collision between the Americans and Filipinos took place. At about 10 o'clock at night the Filipinos fired upon an American outpost on the road to the Waterworks, and in a few minutes an engagement extending along the whole line was raging. It continued on Sunday, and was resumed for several days afterwards, the Filipinos being ultimately completely driven away from the neighbourhood of the city.
- 6th.—Address on "Playing Cards" given at the City Hall by Mr. W.H. Wilkinson under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society.
- 7th.—The Hongkong Volunteer ball was held in the City Hall, some 850 persons being present.
- 8th.—Death of Mr. S. Darby, of the Bank of China and Japan at Shanghai.
- 9th.—Meeting in St. Paul's College as to establishing a School and Orphanage for Eurasian girls.
- 10th.—Cyclé Tournament at Quarry Bay.
- 11th.—Hollo taken from the Filipinos by the Americans.—Fire at the residence of M. Andraif, second secretary of the Russian Legation in Tokyo, while a ball was in progress.
- 12th.—Fire near Shamshen, thirty houses burned.—Fire in Fukien Road, Shanghai, six lives lost.
- 13th.—Lecture at the City Hall by Mr. J. J. Francis on "Spheres of influence and the Open Door."—Opening of the "Star" Coffee house, Queen's Road Central.
- 15th.—Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia left Hongkong for the North.—Commander Hastings commenced his duties as Postmaster General.
- 16th.—The Hon. T. Sercombe Smith commenced his duties as Police Magistrate.—Death of M. Felix Faure, President of the French Republic.
- 18th.—Tactical military exercises by the troops and the Volunteers at the Peak.
- 20th.—Mr. Granville Sharp lectured in the City Hall on "China," Anglo America, and Corn.—Mr. A. G. Palmer, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's staff at Shanghai, died of hydrophobia.
- 21st.—Hongkong Races, first day.
- 22nd.—Mr. J. J. Schumann and Professor Worcester, members of American Commission to the Philippines, arrived in Hongkong; they left for Manila in the *Baltimore*, which, with the *Monterey*, had come over to dock.—Attempted rising and incendiarism at Manila.—Hongkong Races, second day.—American Ball at Kobe in celebration of Washington's birthday.
- 23rd.—Hongkong Races, third day.—H.M.S. *Grafton* with the dredger *St. Enoch* left for Weihaiwei.
- 25th.—Hongkong Races, off day.—The Hankow and Canton Railway survey party arrive at Canton from Hankow.—Last performance of "The Yellow Dwarf" by the Hongkong A. D. C.

26.—Presentation of the Humane Society's medal on board the *Zanay* by Rear-Admiral Holland to William Hutchings, 1st Sub, and Corporal James Golding, R.M.L.I., for saving life.

27th.—Dr. Jordan gave a lecture in St. Andrew Hall on the graphophone and phonograph.

28th.—The Rev. G. J. Williams presented with a cheque by the congregation and friends of Union Church and invited to resume the duties of pastor on returning from furlough.

MARCH.

- 1st.—Accident to the French Steamer *Sydney* while swinging in the upper reach of Shanghai.—Royal Welsh Fusiliers celebrate St. David's Day by a march out.
- 3rd.—Fire at West Hongkong, Shanghai; a man, boy, and girl burned to death.—Ball in City Hall in honour of St. David's Day by Royal Welsh Fusiliers Regiment.
- 4th.—Commodore Powell and Mrs. Powell arrive in Hongkong.—A meeting of the Engineers and Shipbuilders Institution it was decided to remove to premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Siemens and Co.
- 6th.—Lecture in the City Hall by Colonel Elsdale on "Our national weak points."—Naval manoeuvres at Kowloon.
- 9th.—Presentation on prizes in the police lawn, tennis and billiard tournaments, by Mrs. May.
- 10th.—At a special meeting of the Sanitary Board it was reported that rinderpest had broken out in Kennedy's stables, Kennedy Street; further outbreaks on the same premises were subsequently reported.
- 12th.—Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia arrived at Shanghai.
- 13th.—Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. delivered a lecture in the City Hall on "The strength and weakness of England."
- 14th.—Mr. R. F. Gutierrez robbed in Glencaley in broad daylight; his assailants (two Chinese) escaped.—Launch of the *Bremen* at Shanghai; Prince Henry present.
- 16.—Commissioners leave for Mrs. Bay to arrange delimitation of new Kowloon frontier.—Anglo-American and German meetings held at Shanghai to urge prompt and vigorous action in connection with Settlement extension.
- 20th.—Lecture in City Hall by Captain Anderson on "British interests in the Far East."
- 21st.—March out by the troops of the Garrison and the Volunteers.
- 22nd.—Election of Rector and presentation of diplomas in connection with the Chinese College of Medicine.—Prize distribution in connection with the Diocesan School.—Kang Yu-Wei left Yokohama for America.—Lawn tennis match between representatives of Ladies Recreation Club and Hongkong Cricket Club won by the latter.
- 23rd.—Collision at Wosung between the C. N. steamer *Tamsui* and Norwegian steamer *Hermes*; *Tamsui* beached at Gough Island; *Hermes* badly injured.—British guard withdrawn from Peking.
- 25th.—Annual Scotch Concert at the City Hall.—Final round in Hongkong Challenge Shield Competition.—Hongkong Football Club beat Royal Artillery (38th Company, Southern Division) by one goal to nil.
- 28th.—Lecture in City Hall by Mr. Granville Sharp on "Crimination."—A Hongkong clerk (R. G. Hopkins) arrested at Shanghai on charge of larceny of £81,000.
- 29th.—Annual inspection of volunteers by Major-General Gascoigne.

APRIL.

- 1st.—V. R. C. Sports.
- 2nd.—H.E. the Governor visits the Viceroy at Canton in consequence of British officials being interfered with the previous day in Kowloon hinterland.—Americans capture Matolos, the seat of the Filipino Government.
- 3rd.—The Hon. F. H. May and party stoned at Taipo.
- 4th.—Three hundred Welsh Fusiliers leave in the *Fame* and *Waiting* in consequence of message received the previous evening from Mr. May asking for relief.—Mr. May passed them on the way.—The expedition found all quiet and returned the same evening.—The *Futami Maru* arrives with portion of crew of the British ship *Cheyld*, the remainder arriving in a boat a few hours afterwards. The *Cheyld*, which left Hongkong on March 30th, bound for Pisco, Peru, with a cargo of rice, ran on to the Pratos shoal in the fog on Saturday morning, and had to be abandoned.—Lecture by Mr. J. W. Jones at City Hall on "Imperial Federation."
- 5th.—At a special meeting of the Sanitary Board No. 9 health district was declared infected with bubonic plague.—Sir John Carrington left for England on leave; also Lady and Miss Carrington.
- 9th.—The German barque *Atlantic* abandoned 60 miles from Hongkong, having sprung a leak. All crew saved, being brought to Hongkong in two Chinese junks.
- 10th.—Col. Brown, military attaché of British Legation at Peking, insulted and arrested at Macao for not removing his hat when a religious procession passed.
- 11th.—H.M.S. *Victorious* left for Japan to dock.
- 14th.—Capt. Superintendent May and troops arrived at Taipo and found mat-sheds erected for the accommodation of the police burned down a second time and also found about a thousand men occupying surrounding heights.
- 15th.—Captain Superintendent May and troops fired on at Taipo; also Captain Berger and 100 men Hongkong Regiment.—The b.d. *Fame* shelled rebel position at Taipo.—Garden fete in aid of French Convent at East Point Towers.
- 16th.—In consequence of disturbances the British flag was hoisted to-day at Taipo instead of to-morrow, the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart performing the ceremony.—Volunteers called out to defend Yamnati, in consequence of report that rebels were coming.
- 17th.—Rebels attack camp at Taipo.—Are followed by Captain Berger and Hongkong Regiment and severely punished.—Five guns captured.—The dispersion of the rebels was vigorously proceeded with during the next few days.—Flag hoisted by Lady Blake near Kowloon City.
- 23rd.—N. P. steamer *Glenogle* left Tacoma, subsequently collided with the *City of Kingston*, the latter foundering. The *Glenogle* put back to Tacoma damaged.
- 25th.—Princess Henry and Sir Claude and Lady MacDonald arrive at Hongkong on their voyage home, leaving to-morrow.—The *Victorious* safely docked at Yokohama.
- 26th.—Calumpit captured by the Americans.
- 28th.—Prince Henry of Prussia arrived at Hankow.

MAY.

- 1st.—Chinese Club at 71, Wyndham Street, opened.—Port of Nanking declared open to foreign trade.—H.M.S. *Woodlark* christened at Shanghai.
- 2nd.—The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving left for Europe.—Performance of the sacred cantata "The Daughters of Jairus" at St. John's Cathedral.
- 4th.—Death of Dr. John H. Lockhead at San Francisco, formerly of Hongkong, aged 87.
- 6th.—A boat on the U.S. cruiser *Charleston* fell on to a steam launch along side the cruiser and injured several men. Mr. Myer, agent for Pabst beer, and a Chinaman died from their injuries.
- 8th.—Several Kowloon rebels sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
- 10th.—Fire at houses 118 and 116, Hollywood Road; six Chinamen burned to death.—Rear Admiral Francesco, of the Italian Navy, arrived in Hongkong.
- 12th.—Mrs. Bateson Wright and Miss Wallace robbed by three Chinamen on Bowen Road.
- 15th.—Kowloon Walled City occupied without opposition by the Welsh Fusiliers and Volunteers under Colonel Mainwaring.—Shamohun occupied without opposition by 2,000 troops (including 500 of a Naval Brigade) under Major-General Gascoigne.
- 20th.—H.M.S. *Woodlark* commissioned.
- 21st.—Ladies robbed by Chinamen near Beaconsfield Arcade.
- 22nd.—The British steamer *Wo On* held up on the West River, pirates stealing cargo and money to the value of \$7,000.
- 23rd.—Admiral Dewey arrived at Hongkong on his way home.
- 24th.—Review of troops at Happy Valley on celebration of Queen's birthday.—The birthday honours list included two Hongkong names, Mr. Thos. Jackson receiving a knighthood and Col. Mainwaring being made a C.M.G.
- 27th.—An American named Andrew Marks murdered his wife at West Point five days after marriage and then shot himself.
- 30th.—Collapse of verandahs at 111 and 113, Queen's Road Central; two men killed and two injured.
- 31st.—The *Fausang* arrived in harbour and reported that during the previous evening Captain Moncar had disappeared and that there was every reason to believe he had committed suicide.

JUNE.

- 3rd.—News received in Hongkong of the knighting of Mr. Thos. Jackson.
- 6th.—Admiral Dewey resumed his homeward voyage.
- 7th.—M. Dourner, Governor-General Indo-China, arrived at Hongkong, leaving at four o'clock on Thursday.
- 10th.—Performance by the *Pointifal* Company at the Theatre Royal.—Fire on board the *Amara* in the Harbour.—Corporal Almond, of the Welsh Fusiliers, presented with the Humane Society's Medal for attempting to save life at Crete last year.
- 11st.—While proceeding to Canton the *Plover* was fired upon by the forts at Boca Tigris with blank cartridge, being taken for an Italian man-of-war.
- 13th.—Amos Haddaway, second engineer on the *Zefiro*, killed by falling over the verandah at 3, Wyndham Street.
- 14th.—Missionary outrage at Kienyang and Kienyang; several Chinese killed. The Rev. H. S. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips and Miss Sears had a narrow escape.
- 15th.—Colliery explosion at Fukusakeu; 200 lives lost.—Rear-Admiral Watson, Admiral Dewey's successor at Manila, arrives in Hongkong.
- 16th.—Serious fire at Wo On Goldown, Kennedytown; damages estimated at \$150,000.—An American blue-jacket found dead in Stanley Street.
- 18th.—Senior *Papio Nallo*, a well-known medical practitioner at Manila, murdered by his native servants while asleep in bed.
- 22nd.—Anti-foreign riot at Mongtzu, residence of Commissioner and Customs assistants burned by an armed band; put-door staff quarters and French Consulate plundered.
- 24th.—News received in Hongkong of the killing of two Russian engineers and ten Cossacks by brigands near Kirin.
- 25.—News received in Hongkong of the carrying away of German engineers—Mr. Hildebrandt and two surveyors—from Kianchau by Chinese.
- 26.—Reginald George Hopkins sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for embezzlement.

JULY.

- 2nd.—Banquet by Prince Henry at Tokyo.
- 3rd.—Ada Wallace drowned at Shanghai.
- 4th.—*Shantung* goes on to the rocks off coast of Seiria, about 300 miles from Singapore, while coming from Java to Hongkong, bulk of cargo transferred to *Hupoh*; *Shantung* floated and taken to Singapore.
- 10th.—Death of Mr. C. Brenwaldt at Yokohama.
- 12th.—Prince Henry visits Kobe.
- 15th.—Opening of new Engineers' Institute at No. 2 Pray a Central.
- 16th.—Suicide of Mr. H. D. Patch, of Shanghai, by asphyxia.
- 17th.—An American named Nelson Ward and two Japanese women murdered at Yokohama; an American named Robert Ward found guilty and sentenced to death.
- 20th.—Mr. Danby and party attacked near Un Loong.
- 21st.—The *Nunobiki Maru* founded 75 miles outside Barren Island.
- 23rd.—Prince Henry left Nagasaki for Kianchau.
- 24th.—Mrs. Eastewski attacked by two Chinamen in Lower Robinson Road.
- 25th.—Lecture at Peak Hotel by Captain G.O. Anderson on "The Navy League morning scheme and Light Dues."
- 26th.—Death of Mr. Hans Rehwaldt (Krause & Co., from plague. Office of Messrs Middleton and Smith, tea merchants, Yokohama, destroyed by fire.
- 27th.—An amah and child attacked by a Chinese in the Botanical Gardens.
- 29th.—Welsh Fusiliers Gymkana.
- 31st.—Two Un Loong murderers executed.

AUGUST.

- 2nd.—Governor visited Taipo and met 300 elders and gentry.
- 4th.—Presentation at Central Police Station to Mr. C. W. Duggan.
- 5th.—Death of Professor Barton at University Hospital, Tokyo.
- 6th.—Severe typhoon at Foochow to-day and yesterday; Foochow sawmills wrecked.
- 10th.—Extensive fire at Hungghom Docks; a store-room containing oakum, ash cars, etc. was gutted; damages expected to be about \$50,000.
- 12th.—Great fire at Yokohama; ten thousand houses, five theatres, a church, a school, a police station, and a post office destroyed.
- 15th.—Meeting of Diamond Jubilee Committee; decided to open up a Hospital Scheme and to appeal to Mr. Chamberlain as to the military objections to the making of the road from Kennedytown to Aberdeen.
- 16th.—Severe typhoon at Kobe; the steamer *Argyll* stranded.
- 21st.—Sentences on Un Loong murders commuted.
- 22nd.—News received in Hongkong of the death of Mr. Granville Sharp in Surrey (England).
- 23rd.—Anti-foreign riot in Szechuen; missionaries escaped.
- 26th.—Commotion caused at Hankow by Russians interfering with fencing round Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s property; the *Woodlark* landed armed party, and English Volunteers were called out.
- 30th.—Sir Thomas Jackson presented with letters patent conferring upon him the dignity of knighthood at Government House.
- 31st.—Presentation of Diplomas, Chinese College of Medicine.

SEPTEMBER.

- 3rd.—Midshipman Goret, of H.M.S. *Orlando*, accidentally shot himself at Castlopark Bay while on a shooting expedition.
- 4th.—Wreck of *Morgan City*, with 800 American troops on board for Manila, at Onomichi (Japan); no lives lost.
- 6th.—The transport *Tartar* arrived in Hongkong with 1,200 American troops from Manila. Her departure from Hongkong was delayed by the Harbour Department refusing in the first instance to clear for more than 741 passengers, but the difficulty was subsequently got over, and the vessel left on the 15th.
- 8th.—Typhoon at Kobe.
- 9th.—The *White Cloud* lost 88 miles from Hongkong on her way to Manila; all hands saved.—At the marine enquiry the master and officers were exonerated; the vessel not considered to be in a seaworthy condition.—Prince Henry of Russia left Hakodate for Kiocho.
- 12th.—Mr. J. Smith, volunteer fireman at Shanghai, killed at a fire.
- 19th.—The *Argyll* refloated.
- 21st.—*Ringo News* office, Kobe, destroyed by fire.
- 25st.—V.R.C. Aquatic Sports.
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- 27th.—V.R.C. Aquatic Sports; the Club Championship and the Championship of the Colony were won by A. A. Alves, who also carried off the special prize presented by Commander Hastings for the winner of most points in non-handicap events.—Funeral of the late Dr. Faber at Tsingtan; Prince Henry was present.
- 28th.—Minister Conger arrived at Hongkong on his way to Canton.
- 5nd.—Burning of a Theatre at Canton; Fifty lives lost.
- 4th.—Suicide of Mr. A. Macmillan (Chief Superintendent Nippon Yusen Kaisha) at Tokyo.
- 7th.—Serious typhoon in Japan; a train blown over a bridge near Yaita.
- 13th.—The M. M. steamer *Sydney* arrived in Hongkong five days overdue having broken a shaft bearing on leaving Saigon.
- 18th.—Accident on the German cruiser *Ranea* near Singapore; two firemen scalded by the explosion of a steampipe in the engine room.
- 19th.—Prince Henry arrived at Wosung.
- 20th.—Volunteer Camp at Stonecutters opens.
- 21st.—Death of Mr. Greathouse, American adviser to the Judicial Department of the Korean Government.
- 26th.—Kang Yu Wei arrives at Kobe.
- 30th.—Volunteer Camp at Stonecutters closed.

NOVEMBER.

- 1st.—Kang Yu Wei arrived in Hongkong.
- 2nd.—Enquiry into the stranding of the *Shantung*; Captain Frampton exonerated.—The U.S. cruiser *Charleston* wrecked off Luzon; no lives lost.
- 11th.—Evacuation of Shamshen by the British.
- 14th.—Sir Claude and Lady MacDonald arrive from Europe en route for the north.
- 17th.—Governor and party (including Prince Henry) leave for Wuchow and Canton, returning on the 22nd.
- 21st.—Captain Raymond, of the *White Cloud*, indicted for taking an unseaworthy ship to sea, found not guilty by a jury and discharged.
- 24th.—Presentation to Corporal Almond by the Italian Government of a medal for gallant attempt to save the life of an Italian soldier at Crete last year.
- 25th.—Laying of the foundation stone of the extension to Tung Wah Hospital by H.E. the Governor.